

## Earthquake shakes Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) — An earthquake shook Lebanon early Friday morning, smashing windows, cracking war-damaged buildings and bringing Beirut residents rushing from their beds into the streets. It was believed to be the strongest quake since 1956 when a number of people were killed in the central Shouf mountains. Several Beirut residents, more used to war than earthquakes, thought their homes were being shaken by bombs or a new outbreak of shelling. Security sources said there were no reports of injuries in the quake which, according to local radio reports, lasted 18 seconds. State-run Beirut Radio described the tremor as moderate and said it shook buildings in the capital and the eastern Bekaa Valley but was less strongly felt in the north.

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## Woman killed in car accident

AMMAN (J.T.) — A pregnant woman was killed and two other persons were wounded in a car accident near the vocational school on the Jabal Al Nuzhah road Friday evening. The two who were injured were riding in the car whose driver caused the accident, and ran into five other cars parked on the two sides of the road causing heavy damage to the cars.

## Turkey announces operations inside Iraq are over

AMMAN (J.T.) — Last week's operations carried out by Turkish forces inside Iraqi territory against "armed elements" have been completed successfully and the forces have been withdrawn, a statement issued by the Turkish embassy said Thursday. "The armed groups containing also the Armenian terrorists and persons against whom there is legal pursuit in Turkey, had violated security in the Turkish border area and security and tranquillity of the Turkish people. The operation was carried out last week with the agreement of the Iraqi Government in a limited area of a maximum of 3 kilometres of depth," the statement said.

## Israeli police free Arab after questioning on murder of nuns

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli police said Friday they had released an Arab held for questioning in connection with the murder of two Russian Orthodox nuns last month. The Arab was described as a resident of Bethlehem who formerly worked at the convent in a Jerusalem suburb where the murders were committed.

## Klibi in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi arrived here Friday for talks with Lebanese officials on the Lebanon-Israeli troop withdrawal accord which has put Beirut at odds with Arab hardliners. Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi has called on the 22-member Arab League to impose sanctions on Lebanon as it did against Egypt after Cairo's 1979 treaty with Israel.

## U.S. representatives okay Lebanon recovery aid bill

WASHINGTON (R) — The House of Representatives Thursday approved a Lebanon recovery aid bill requiring congressional approval of any substantial change in the U.S. Marine contingent there. The house endorsed the bill 276-76 and sent it to the Senate where final approval was expected. The bill would authorize \$100 million in economic recovery aid for Lebanon and \$151 million in military credit sales to strengthen Lebanese government control of the country.

## Kabul to free jailed doctor

PARIS (R) — A French doctor jailed on spying charges for eight years by an Afghan court in March has been pardoned and will be released shortly, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday.

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# Israelis on alert for invasion anniversary

BEIRUT (R) — Israeli troops tightened their grip on South Lebanon Friday and Lebanese security forces broke up student protests in Beirut as the country looked nervously ahead to the first anniversary of Israel's invasion.

Security sources in the southern port of Sidon said the Israelis have detained over 100 people in southern Lebanon in the last three days. Beirut newspapers said Israel feared more guerrilla assaults around Monday's anniversary. An Israeli military spokesman outside Beirut denied that security had been tightened and said military activity was at normal levels.

But journalists who drove into Israeli-held territory Friday reported heavily increased foot patrols in Sidon and many more roadblocks than usual on the key coast road.

In Beirut, security sources said Lebanese police and troops broke up an anti-Israeli demonstration amid scuffles on the American University campus Friday morning.

Eyewitnesses said about 200 students shouted slogans against Israeli occupation and sang the

national anthem. A handful were arrested but later released.

In the south, Israeli troops arrested 45 people Friday as part of their drive against repeated guerrilla attacks, security sources reported.

Beirut press reports said the Israelis demolished walls along the coastal road to deny cover to ambushers. An Israeli patrol was rocked on this main supply route two nights ago.

A Reuters correspondent in Sidon said residents had also noted increased reconnaissance flights by Israeli planes in the Sidon and Nabatiyeh areas Friday morning.

He said Israeli troops had set up observation posts on rooftops. Beirut newspapers reported Israeli searches of homes, hospitals, government buildings and Red Cross offices.

The independent daily An

Nahar said 30 Palestinian families in the area had been forced to quit their homes for refugee camps after threats from unidentified Lebanese armed groups.

The evictions were part of a familiar pattern of harassment and violence by Lebanese militias, believed to be rightists, against Palestinians in the southern part of the country.

State-run Beirut Radio reported three Israeli warplanes broke the sound barrier over the Bekaa Valley, where Israeli and Syrian troops are face-to-face.

Meanwhile, Lebanese officials have rejected Israeli charges that they are stalling over ratification of last month's Israeli troop withdrawal accord which has been sharply opposed by Syria.

The Lebanese cabinet Wednesday referred the agreement, signed by the two countries and witnessed by the United States on May 17, to the single-chamber parliament for approval.

A senior Israeli official said Wednesday Israel intended to seek clarification from Lebanon over what he called the Beirut government's delay in ratifying the accord.

## Arens, Begin oppose unilateral pullout

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens Friday opposed the idea of a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, saying it would play into the hands of Syria.

"I believe that the Syrians are only waiting for us to get out, so that they and the PLO can occupy the areas we evacuate without being under pressure from Israel," he told reporters on his return from talks in Paris.

Earlier on Friday Israeli officials said Prime Minister Menachem Begin was also against an unconditional withdrawal as favoured by the opposition Labour Party, which Friday voted for a two-stage retreat over three months.

The resolution said the withdrawal should begin with or without agreement from Syria to evacuate its troops.

Labour leader Shimon Peres

said his party's recommendation would prevent a war with Syria and reduce casualties among Israeli soldiers.

The party said the partial withdrawal should be followed up within two to three months by a total evacuation from Lebanon, which Israel invaded last June 6.

The party said the immediate pullback should be made without

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## Shamir urges world pressure on Syria

ROME (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Friday called for international pressure on Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

At a press conference following talks with Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo, he also suggested Israel had been misled by the United States at the time of the troop withdrawal agreement which it reached with Lebanon last month.

"We appeal to the international and the European Community to support the accord between Lebanon and Israel and influence other parties in the region to respect the decision to withdraw all foreign forces from Lebanese territory," he said.

Mr. Shamir said he had asked Mr. Colombo to take advantage of what he called Italy's privileged relations with the Arab World to put pressure on Damascus to withdraw its troops.

Mr. Colombo visited the Syrian capital last month.

Syria has rejected the troop withdrawal agreement, which depends on Damascus also pulling its forces out of Lebanon.

Mr. Shamir, on the first day of a three-day visit, indicated Israel believed it had been misled by views expressed by the U.S. prior to the agreement.

## Israeli aide rules out Lebanon partition

WASHINGTON (R) — A senior Israeli official Friday ruled out a permanent presence of his country's forces in Lebanon and said Israel would never participate in a scheme to partition the Arab country.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir told reporters Israel had options "to realign and redeploy her forces in Lebanon" if Syria refused to withdraw under a U.S.-sponsored Israeli-Lebanese accord calling for all foreign forces

to leave. He dismissed concerns voiced by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and others that an Israeli pullback to more defensible lines could lead to a long-term occupation by Israel and Syria and a de facto partition of Lebanon.

"Israel has no intention or desire or dream of a partition of Lebanon," he said. "Israel will never be involved in any such scheme."

Mr. Ben-Meir said he could not

never withdrawing from Lebanon. We want to withdraw completely from Lebanon, not partially. The real danger, he said, was "of the Syrians swallowing up Lebanon."

Mr. Ben-Meir said there might have been some basis for concern about partition before the withdrawal accord hammered out by Mr. Shultz last month.

But now, he said, Israel had made clear its intention to bring

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## Damascus says rejection of pact 'final'

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria, accusing American leaders of "living in a dream world," said Friday its rejection of the U.S.-backed troop withdrawal agreement between Lebanon and Israel was final and not open to negotiation.

A tough political commentary broadcast by Damascus Radio appeared to put an end to speculation in the Beirut press that Syria might go along with the agreement in return for concessions like those granted to Israel.

"America's rulers are still talking about exercising their influence on Syria directly or through a third party to force it to change its rejection of the... agreement," it said.

Such ideas were worthy only of "sarcasm and pity" and showed that America's leaders were "living in a dream world."

"There can be no bargaining over Syria's decision rejecting the... agreement. This agreement must be discarded," it said.

Beirut press reports had suggested Saudi Arabia was involved in behind-the-scenes bargaining through private contacts with Damascus. Saudi Arabia denied the reports.

## 'Saudis could not meet Syrian price'

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's leading newspaper said Friday that Saudi Arabia could not raise \$10 billion formally requested by Syria as a price for withdrawal of its troops from Lebanon.

Al Ahram, which often reflects government thinking, said the Syrian request was seriously discussed by King Fahd and senior members of the Saudi royal family.

In an article by its editor, the paper said:

"Saudi Arabia could not meet the demand because it was too costly, to begin with, and because it is already committed to a \$15 billion deal with France to provide the kingdom with a sophisticated air-defence system."

"Apparently, other Gulf states could not contribute. The United Arab Emirates has a \$5 billion contract with France for 36 Mirage-2000 warplanes in addition to the negative impact of low oil prices and the financial crisis in

Kuwait."

A withdrawal of Syria's estimated 40,000 troops, in Lebanon on a peacekeeping mandate since 1976, is imperative to the implementation of a Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal accord signed earlier this month under U.S. sponsorship.

Reports of Saudi involvement in behind-the-scenes bargaining with Syria over withdrawal of its troops were denied by Riyadh and dismissed by Damascus.



His Majesty King Hussein, during an army exercise he attended Friday, is briefed by an army officer (Petra photo)

## Hussein attends military exercises

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, attended military exercises carried out by the Third Royal Armoured Division and the Fourth Royal Armoured Division Thursday and Friday.

The Supreme Commander first

heard a briefing on the phases of the exercises and its goals. Since

Thursday morning, the King followed up the progress of operations in which units from the Special Forces, the Royal Jordanian Air Force, the Royal Medical Services, and other corps also

participated.

Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief, Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and senior officers, as well as Yarmouk University President Adnan Badran, a number of college deans and professors attended the exercise.

## Washington to review Mideast policy

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. will reassess its Middle East policy next week in view of the situation in Lebanon, a senior State Department official said Thursday.

"We will be reassessing our role next week," Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Velotes told a House of Representatives subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East.

"We are at a pause (in the Middle East)," he said.

Mr. Velotes later told reporters that by reassessment he meant a review of policy.

Lebanon and Israel last month signed a troop withdrawal agreement with help by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. But the pact, which depends on Syria also pulling its forces out of Lebanon, has been rejected by Damascus.

Asked about the possibility of new fighting between Israel and Syria, Mr. Velotes said: "The possibility is always there. When you have a situation like that, there is danger."

He said President Reagan's special envoy Philip Habib and others would be in Washington next week, making it a good time to discuss policy.

Mr. Velotes said he may have been too optimistic earlier in the year when he said he thought Syria would withdraw from Lebanon if Israel agreed to do so. But he said the United States had not given up hope that Syria would withdraw.

"It's too soon to conclude that the Syrians and the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) will not withdraw," he told the subcommittee.

## Iraqi raid damages two ships in Gulf

LONDON (R) — Iraqi planes have seriously damaged two merchant ships in a bombing raid near the southern Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini, Lloyd's shipping intelligence said Friday.

The 10, 186-ton Indian bulk carrier APJ Priti sustained a direct hit in the attack on Tuesday. It was set ablaze and its engine room was damaged but all 45 crew were unhurt and evacuated from the ship, Lloyd's said.

The fire on board the APJ Priti was Thursday night reported to have been extinguished but the extent of the damage was unclear. The vessel, with a cargo of bagged urea, is owned by Calcutta-based Surendra Overseas.

## Arafat visits Palestinian positions in N. Lebanon

DAMASCUS (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat toured his men's positions behind Syrian lines in Lebanon Friday after coming under further pressure to abandon his moderate policies and wage armed struggle against Israel.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa, in a Damascus-dated dispatch, said Mr. Arafat visited positions of the Yarmouk Pal-

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## Arafat off to Romania

DAMASCUS (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, facing a revolt by dissident guerrilla officers, left here Friday on a surprise visit to Romania.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa said Mr. Arafat would hold talks with Romanian officials on "the situation in the region and relations between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Romania."

## 'PLO and Israel offered arms to Red Brigades'

ROME (R) — Both the Israeli secret services and extremist factions in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) offered arms to Italy's Red Brigades during the 1970s, according to a parliamentary report on the leftist urban guerrilla group.

The report, based on a three-year inquiry by an all-party committee of 40 deputies and sen-

ators, says the Red Brigades had considerable shipments of arms from the Palestinians in 1978 and 1979, but refused the Israeli offer, made in 1974.

Its findings, made available to Reuters, are due to be officially published after a final sitting of the committee on June 9. Its task was

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## Kohl says U.S. serious in Geneva talks

BONN (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Friday he believed the United States was "seriously, responsibly and reasonably" seeking an agreement at talks with the Soviet Union on curbing medium-range missiles in Europe.

Mr. Kohl's remarks were reported at a news conference by government spokesman Peter Boenisch after the chancellor had hour-long talks with U.S. chief negotiator Paul Nitze.

Mr. Boenisch said Mr. Nitze

would visit Bonn again on June 30 to brief Mr. Kohl on the latest state of the negotiations before the chancellor travels to Moscow on July 4 for talks with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov.

Mr. Kohl assured Mr. Nitze of Bonn's full support and expressed "personal sympathy for his way of conducting the talks," the spokesman said.

The statement appeared to be a further hint that Bonn welcomed the informal solution reached by Mr. Nitze and his Soviet coun-

## U.N. team begins hearings on occupied territories

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A United Nations committee set up to investigate Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the people living in the occupied Arab territories began its hearings Thursday in Amman.

The committee, which is the only source for the United Nations General Assembly to gather information on the human rights situation in the occupied territories, is hearing testimonies from a number of people and will report its findings to the General Assembly. The committee, which arrived in Amman Thursday, is scheduled to be here until Monday.

On Thursday the committee, headed by the permanent Sri Lankan representative to the United Nations, Ignatius B. Fonseka, heard the testimonies of 20 Palestinians deported to Jordan by the Israeli occupation authorities. The deportees spoke about the "arbitrary Israeli measures against the Arab residents, educational institutions and teachers in the occupied territories," the Jordanian news agency, Petra, said.

The committee, which includes Professor Becir Mehuljic of Yugoslavia and Alimoune Sene from Senegal, has been refused entry to the occupied territories by Israel.

The committee will hold two other sessions of hearings in Amman on Saturday and Sunday before proceeding to Damascus

## PLO team, Soviets hold talks

MOSCOW (R) — A delegation from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), led by Yasser Arafat's closest aide Salah Khalaf, held talks Friday with Soviet government officials, TASS news agency reported.

The Soviet agency said problems linked with the Middle East and issues of Soviet-Palestinian cooperation were discussed.

Mr. Khalaf, popularly known as Abu Iyad, met Vitaly Ruben, chairman of the Soviet of Nationalities — one of the two chambers of the Soviet parliament — as well as leaders of the Soviet coordination committee for preparations for an international conference on the Palestine question.

TASS did not say if the delegation discussed a rebellion in Mr. Arafat's Fatah movement.

## 6 die in mystery Frankfurt 'blood-bath'

FRANKFURT, West Germany (R) — Six people died, including three teenagers, in what police called a "real blood-bath" shooting at a school near Frankfurt Friday. Another 15 were wounded including a teacher who tried to shield his pupils from the gunman with his body.

The unidentified gunman shot himself after killing two girls and a boy aged between 12 and 13, a teacher and a 45-year-old unarmed policeman who was teaching children traffic safety outside the Freiherr-vom-Stein school in Eppstein-Vockenhausen.

A police spokesman said the motive for the shooting was not known.

The spokesman said five of the wounded were in critical condition including the teacher who used his body as a shield. Another 57 pupils and teachers were taken to hospital suffering from shock.

The dead teacher and the children were all killed in a second floor classroom. The policeman, who ran into the school to investigate a loud bang he thought was a chemistry experiment gone wrong, was found sprawled dead on a staircase nearby, the spokesman said.

Eye-witnesses said teachers and children in the 1,000-pupil school desperately to lock classroom doors as the gunman, who

police said was armed with two pistols, burst in and began shooting wildly.

But panic spread when the keys could not be found in the classrooms and a caretaker braved the bullets to try and throw keys through the classroom windows, the witnesses said.

The severely injured were ferried by helicopter to Frankfurt hospitals while shocked children were taken by bus to local clinics.

The cabinet meeting of the Hesse Federal state government was interrupted with news of the shooting and immediately cancelled its sitting, expressing horror and outrage.

# HOME NEWS

## Seminar to advance Arab mining cooperation, says Taher

By Afifah A. Kaloti  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A symposium on "Planning Arab Joint Cooperation in the Mining Sector: Copper and Lead," will open Sunday at the Arab Mining Company's (ARMICO) headquarters in Amman.

ARMICO, which was established in 1975 by the Arab Economic Unity Council with a capital of 120 million Kuwaiti Dinars, is organising the symposium.

The importance of the symposium stems from the fact that it is the first to be organised by the company in the field of joint Arab cooperation in the mining sector. Director-General of ARMICO, Mr. Thabet Taher told the Jordan Times.

### Motivation

Mr. Taher said the motivation behind the symposium, which was also the driving force behind the establishment of the company, were the importance of utilising the mineral resources in the Arab World through the use of joint projects and the importance of

such projects in realising Arab economic integration.

The three-day symposium will deal specifically with lead and copper. "The reason for choosing these two minerals... was due to their availability in a number of Arab countries, as well as for being important elements for Arab development projects in various Arab countries," he said.

### Recent figures

According to the company's recent figures, "the copper ore reserves in the Arab countries totalled 5,869.1 thousand metric tons of metal content and the lead ore reserves totalled 4038.8 thousand metric tons of metal content," Mr. Taher stated.

Asked about the main objectives of organising the symposium, Mr. Taher said "the aim of the symposium is to investigate ways and means of initiating joint Arab projects for the exploitation of lead and copper minerals in the Arab World starting with mining operations and then going into processing and industrialisation."

### Specialist papers

Specialist papers, which cover some aspects related to the extraction, smelting, manufacturing and marketing of copper and lead in the Arab World, will be presented by the participants during the symposium. The papers will be of two categories: "the first will deal with the copper and lead situation in specific countries; while the second will be of a general nature," Mr. Taher explained.

Participants in the seminar are mainly drawn from the ministries and institutions in the different Arab countries. "There will also be representatives from a number of financial and developmental Islamic and Arab institutions as well as representatives from the United Nations," he added.

The countries represented will be Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia, Jordan, Sudan, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Libya and Iraq.

### Jordan's full role

Jordan will play a full part in the symposium due to its large copper reserves, and a representative will

present a paper on "the present situation and future planning for the copper industry."

"Jordan is also to play a specialised role in a future symposium focusing on other minerals such as phosphates," he said.

Mr. Taher pointed out that since the beginning of the company's "operational life", which started in mid 1976, it has contributed to 12 projects in various Arab countries, two of which were situated in Jordan. "The company contributed to the Potash project in Jordan to the tune of 25 per cent of the equity, and supplied 10 per cent of the capital in the Jordanian chemical industries," he pointed out.

In answer to a question on his hopes for the results of the symposium, Mr. Taher said "we hope that the participants will come out with certain recommendations which will then be conveyed to all the concerned Arab governments. This we hope will act as the basis for further coordination among Arab countries for the purpose of creating joint Arab ventures in the field of mining, and starting with copper and lead," he added.



Thabet Taher, director-general of the Arab Mining Company.

## TCC to introduce automatic systems in poorer suburb

AMMAN (Petra) — The Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) will begin on June 8 to introduce a fully automatic telephone system in Jabal Al Nuzhah, thereby allowing telephone subscribers to dial both numbers in Jordan and abroad, Communications Minister Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben said Friday.

"The step is a reflection of the government's interest in developing telephone service in low-income areas", and will provide the residents of these areas with the standard services that exist elsewhere, he said.

Dr. Zaben added that the TCC has completed the construction of a modern telephone network with 3,500 lines in the area to cover several neighbourhoods adjoining Jabal Al Nuzhah. The TCC will soon provide the Prince Hassan estate, north of Jabal Al Nuzhah with a fully automatic telephone service as well, he added.

Dr. Zaben said the present policy of the TCC is to concentrate on providing automatic telephone services to low-income areas and suburbs in Amman to facilitate social development. The TCC has also completed partial expansions on the telephone networks in several other areas of Amman, Dr. Zaben said.

### Hassan sends condolences

AMMAN (Petra) — The Governor of Irbid Thursday depulised for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan in con-

veying his condolences to Al Gharaibeh family on the death of Viorih Hassan Al Gharaibeh.

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## HOME NEWS

## King marks Italian national day

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein sent a cable Thursday to Italian President Sandro Pertini congratulating him, in his own name and on behalf of the Jordanian people and government, on Italy's national day. The King wished in his cable that the ties of friendship and cooperation between Jordan and Italy would be consolidated for the interest of both friendly countries.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Thursday holds discussions with members of the Polish economic delegation currently on a visit to Jordan (Petra photo).

## Hassan, Polish delegation discuss future trade ties

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan received in his office Thursday the Polish trade delegation, led by Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Jerzy Kapuscinski, currently visiting Jordan.

During the meeting, Prince Hassan reviewed with the delegation the basis of trade, economic and investment cooperation between the two countries and the results of the talks which the delegation has held with Jordanian officials. They also discussed ways of strengthening relations between the two countries. Meanwhile, Jordan and Poland Thursday signed an economic and trade cooperation protocol which includes the increase of mutual trade and the efforts aimed at achieving a balance in the trade between the two countries.

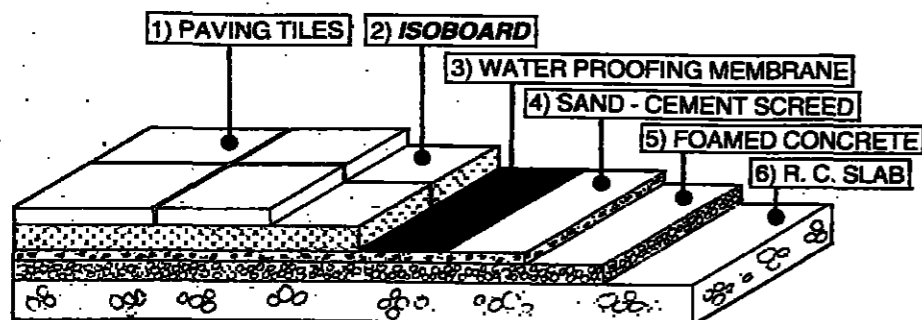
The protocol also stipulates an increase in the quantity of Jordanian phosphates to be exported to Poland, a study of the possibility of establishing commercial centres in the two countries, the encouragement of the exchange of commercial visits and the enhancement of joint cooperation in the industrial and technological fields. Poland is also to participate in the implementation of development projects in Jordan, particularly the projects included in the current five-year development plan, and will play a leading role in technical training, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said. The protocol also lays down that Jordanian institutions should inform the appropriate Polish authorities of Jordan's technical training needs.

The protocol was signed by Industry and Trade Ministry Under-Secretary and Chairman of the Jordanian delegation to the meetings of the joint economic Jordanian-Polish committee Mohammad Saleh Al Hourani, and by Mr. Jerzy Kapuscinski for Poland.

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## Salt school girls hold graduation

SALT (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Basma Thursday patronised the graduation ceremony of the 32nd class of the Salt Secondary School for girls at the Salt community college.

During the activities, the graduates put on plays narrating Jordan's history and aspirations, and presented folk dancing.

## Masri tours road works

AMMAN (Petra) — Public Works Minister Awni Al Masri Thursday toured roads in the Irbid Governorate, to inspect the progress of construction work in the Jerash, Ajloun and Deir Abu Sa'id areas, and the maintenance work being carried out on other roads.

Mr. Masri called for more effort in building the roads and the swift completion of the maintenance work on the governorate's roads.

## Basma attends joint school prize giving

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Basma presided over the prize giving ceremony which marked the graduation of the 44th class of Al Ahliyyeh Girls School and the Bishop's school for boys at the Palace of Culture at the Hussein Youth City Friday.

## First prayers heard at new airport mosque

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Friday held the prayers for the first time at the mosque situated at the Queen Alia International Airport. The sermon was delivered by Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Kamel Al Sharif, who said

that the mosque has an important role to play in serving the Jordanian community.

Chief Justice Ibrahim Al Qattan, head of the Islamic supreme court, also addressed the worshippers saying that the mosque has a cultural role to play.

## Police recruits pass out

AMMAN (Petra) — Sixteen non-commissioned traffic officers graduated Thursday in a ceremony attended by the assistant public security director for administrative affairs, who made a speech emphasising the use of the correct procedure when investigating traffic accidents.

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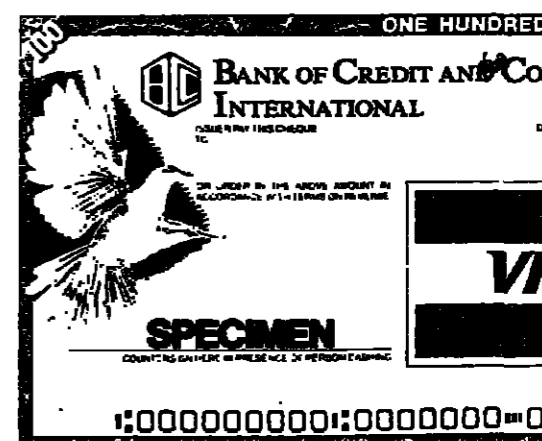
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# Lebanon faces enormous task of reactivating health system

**Editor's Note:** After years of conflict, Lebanon is faced with the daunting task of rebuilding its ravaged health facilities. Robert Coehurn has been speaking to the country's new health minister, whose shoulders will bear much of the burden.

A massive increase in government spending is needed to reactivate Lebanon's wrecked public health system according to the Minister of Health Dr. Adnan Mroueh. When Dr. Mroueh was appointed minister last autumn he inherited the remains of a system which has been decimated by almost eight years of fighting and large scale corruption among health civil servants and the medical profession. The physical and financial damage done in this time has meant starting virtually from scratch to rebuild the ministry and its facilities.

But already he has had to come to terms with the shortage of money in drawing up a policy for rehabilitation of the network of government hospitals and clinics. The system has always been the much poorer relation of Lebanon's private medical sector. Dr. Mroueh estimates that even an increase of 500 per cent in the present budget allocations would be "very modest".

## Realistic

"Right now \$2 to \$3 per capita is spent on the health service which is very low he said. "I would like to see it put at \$10 per capita which is a more realistic figure. \$30 million for a population of three million people roughly equals 150 million Lebanese pounds which is still very modest. But I don't think our health budget will go up without an infusion of aid."

Dr. Mroueh has to break a vicious circle of private hospital funding which has deprived the public hospitals of money. While the ministry's hospitals are out of action, funds are reallocated to private hospitals for the treatment of patients who cannot afford to pay private fees — a system wide open to fraud. Yet while the private hospitals milk up to 90 per cent of public health funds, the government hospitals go without cash for repair and vital requirements. Dr. Mroueh, regarded as a most progressive minister who has a genuine understanding of the needs of Lebanon's poor communities, is committed to the restoration of their welfare facilities. As a successful Beirut gynaecologist and obstetrician, he

has championed the cause of poor families, particularly in his role as president of the Lebanese Family Planning Association. His long term plans reflect the need to provide for those without direct access to expensive medical care.

In the short term he admits without proper funding the ministry has no choice "but to take the second best course". By that he means repairing wherever possible war damaged hospitals, while badly needed major reconstruction remains beyond the reach of the ministry meagre funds. Sidon Government Hospital is a top priority in a war-torn region full of Lebanese and Palestinian refugees displaced from their camps and villages by years of fighting. The hospital was run down by lack of funds since the civil war of 1975, before suffering massive damage by Israeli artillery and air raids in their invasion of South Lebanon last June.

Today the five storey hospital building is occupied by Israeli army soldiers rather than sick patients. It's wards and offices are exposed to the winter weather through gaping holes smashed into the thick sandstone by dozens of direct artillery hits. Once a fully operational 300 bed general hospital affiliated to the American University Hospital of Beirut, Sidon Hospital looks like a greatly holed geyser. Dr. Mroueh says it is so badly damaged that he is now considering whether to demolish the hospital and start all over again. That presents two problems — finding an alternative service and the cash to build again.

## Focal point

The current cost of hospital construction is around Lebanese pounds 300,000 per bed, he explained, which would put the price of even a small 100-bed hospital at Lebanese pounds 30 million, not including the cost of land. The 300 million Lebanese pounds for a large hospital again excludes land costs, maintenance and operational costs. However, a project which could provide a dynamic new focal point for the government health service, the proposed 650-bed Beirut Bir Hassan Hospital, could still go ahead this

year having survived the setbacks of the summer invasion.

In the meantime, Dr. Mroueh said, the ministry will continue to subsidise hospital bills of all Lebanese. He spoke to Middle East Health at his Beirut surgery where he works nights co-ordinating efforts made by voluntary workers after a day's work at the ministry offices recently re-occupied by staff on the city's former front line. The ministry building, by the National Museum, scene of so many battles, was left badly damaged.

"The Ministry of Health has had to rely on the private sector and that is very costly", Dr. Mroueh said. "Of the total budget, after salaries, the ministry pays out almost 90 per cent to private hospitals. The total budget is 90 million Lebanese pounds plus additional finance from the government emergency fund. That is equal to 80 million Lebanese pounds plus spent on the private hospitals. We can't stop it unless we can provide an alternative service. This will be done gradually and we will keep some specialist areas in private hospitals."

Dr. Mroueh is under no illusions about the corrupt nature of many of the private hospital claims and the fact that wealthy patients write off their bills under the scheme while poor patients never make it through the hospital doors.

"We are dealing with 84 private hospitals", he explained, "and we have been making these payments since 1975. Some hospitals are forging and falsifying their number of patients. It is a drain on the ministry. Plus there is public resentment over this form of hospitalisation. Private hospitals are charging double by billing the patient and the ministry of health. This is widespread. Many Lebanese use private hospitals under the scheme — about 70,000 people each year. Many are casualties and they have been charged before they are even admitted. They catch you before you go in."

As if to illustrate the plight brought about by the money shortage, two of the ministry's voluntary workers arrived from a tour of the southern market town of Nabatieh, a former Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) stronghold severely damaged by the Israelis over several years.

## No ambulances

"If you have a bullet wound

there you have to get in a taxi and come to Beirut", one of the observers reported. "There are no ambulances in the south and therefore no emergency cover."

The list of problems and shortages grows night and day as more facts filter back to Beirut from outlying areas. One of the frustrations at the moment is that all government hospital staff and civil servants have to be paid, even though they are not doing any work. The effect on a large proportion of the population has been traumatic.

"Some 650,000 people in Lebanon are covered by social security. Another 150,000 are covered for health care by the armed forces and internal security forces. And there are 70,000 who are covered by the civil service which has its own co-operative medical scheme. That equals one third of the population. A very small fraction are very wealthy and can go overseas for treatment; those who are very poor can sometimes manage to go to philanthropic small hospitals for medical care."

"There is increased diarrhoea and bronchial disease in winter. There is typhoid, hepatitis and gastro-intestinal disease due to the lack of sanitation. There is still polio. We have no mass vaccination programme: I would like to introduce this. It is not expensive. Infant mortality is high — 60 per 1000 perinatal figure. Fifty nine to 60 years is the average life expectancy worked out by the World Health Organisation (WHO). We are now closer to the lower figure of the Third World. Many of these things can be changed with big investments, restructuring and commitment which are the ingredients of success."

## Radical change

In the long term the minister aims to redress the imbalance he sees between Lebanon's contrasting communities. For that he intends a radical change in the structure and emphasis of care. And he criticises the growth of the hospital-oriented system which cannot properly serve enough people.

"The whole health system in Lebanon was fashioned on French lines and was not necessarily applicable here," he said. "There has been a duplicating of services which has consumed disproportionate slice of the health

budget without yielding a service that justifies the money."

Quoting the reports given to the WHO and United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) conference held in Alma-Ata in 1978, Dr. Mroueh pointed out that health care based on the Western model was ineffective, reaching an upper crust of maybe 20 per cent of the population, while the remainder who live in rural areas and slums go without care.

"Like many ministries of health we have not given emphasis to preventive services, family planning, mother and child health," he said. "We have revolved around the curative with the ministry in the centre of the funding operation. We need health workers going around the countryside giving inoculations. At the FPA we used to give 5000 to 10,000 vaccines."

"But the Ministry of Health has not monitoring parameters like vital statistics for the health indices. So we recruited the WHO to organise statistics and monitoring last November. My work in family planning has really given me insights into what is needed while following up obligations of WHO and UNICEF. Health is a reflection of a total social economic setting, and not just hospitals and equipment. If we don't pay equal attention to water and sewerage and roads then we cannot get the benefits in health care. Improved health will come with the raising of services before more input in hospitals and equipment. Urban areas have the political clout to get health to the detriment of the rural areas where there is a terrible infrastructure."

## Decentralisation

In January a preventive health programme was scheduled to start along with an innovative scheme for decentralisation of the health system.

"By decentralising our services, the government can allocate an operational and developmental budget to local authorities", Dr. Mroueh explained. "Development is dependent on the need to favour underdeveloped areas until such time the country has equal health services. We are thinking of setting up local health authorities which do not exist at

the moment.

The minister describes the overall development programme, which includes construction of five new hospitals at a cost of two billion Lebanese pounds as "very grandiose".

"They cannot yet be realised", he said. "It will take another five years, and success depends on a period of calm and massive aid from overseas. But it also needs

the withdrawal of all foreign forces, especially the Israelis who are the main obstacle to our receiving Arab League aid."

— Middle East Health, England

## Arens, Begin oppose unilateral pullout

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waiting for the implementation of the recently concluded Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal agreement.

It expressed scepticism that the accord would be implemented because of strong Syrian opposition to it. Israel has made its withdrawal dependent on similar pullbacks by the Syrians and Palestinian forces.

The initial withdrawal should be to a line roughly 45 kilometres south of the present one or running just north of the coastal town of Sidon, the party said.

International units, drawn mainly from the United States, France and Italy, could advance from their positions in Beirut to the line evacuated by the Israelis, the Labour Party said.

Mr. Arens said Friday: "I think we should better allow the

Lebanese-Syrian process develop, while pressure increases on Syria for a withdrawal of its forces.

"We have no intention of putting up with the losses we have been suffering, but by running away we are certainly not solving that problem."

Mr. Arens said he had asked French Defence Minister Charles Hernu and External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson to ensure Iraq would not be able to develop nuclear weapons through French aid, but he declined to say how they answered.

France has agreed in principle to replace Iraq's French-built nuclear reactor, which the Israeli air force bombed two years ago.

Israel claimed the plant could have been developing weapons-grade nuclear material, but American nuclear physicists have said there was no sign of this.

Mr. Arens said at a news conference he had dwelt on the subject in talks with Defence Minister Hernu Thursday.

"In my opinion it will be a two-way street," Mr. Arens said, without giving further details.

Mr. Hernu earlier parried reporters questions on the issue.

Mr. Arens is the first Israeli defence chief to visit France since Gen. Charles de Gaulle slapped an arms embargo on Israel after the 1967 six-day war.

Socialist President Francois Mitterrand has adopted an intermediate policy towards the region, urging mutual recognition between Israel and the Palestinians.

Commenting on Syrian statements that new Middle East war was imminent, Mr. Arens said Israel was ready for one but was doing everything to avoid it.

## Israeli aide rules out Lebanon partition

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home its forces as soon as the estimated 40,000 Syrians and 10,000 Palestinian fighters there pulled out.

Neither the Israeli government nor Mr. Shultz and other U.S. officials with whom he met Thursday had given up hope that a combination of factors, including pres-

sure from other Arabs, would persuade Syria to withdraw from Lebanon, Mr. Ben-Meir said.

"One thing is certain—Israel has no intention of getting Syria out by military means in Lebanon," he told journalists.

The Israeli official said it was not clear exactly what would happen if Syria refused to get out, but that Israel, Lebanon and the Uni-

ted States would consult fully on the next steps and the Israelis would consider various ideas "for a different deployment in Lebanon."

He strongly opposed suggestions to involve the Soviet Union in diplomatic efforts to persuade Syria to leave Lebanon.

"The Soviet Union is out to undermine the (withdrawal) agreement," Mr. Ben-Meir said.

## Arafat tours PLO positions in Lebanon

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estonian force in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley.

His men gave him reports "against the background of Israeli concentrations and Israeli threats following stepped-up commando operations (against Israeli troops)," Wafa said.

Three headline guerrilla groups within the umbrella Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) gave further weight to a movement against Mr. Arafat's moderate policies Thursday.

One of the groups, the pro-Syrian Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC), announced its full support for the movement.

The other two, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), did not go so far. In a joint statement, they called for "democratic reforms" within the PLO but said the reforms should be carried out without damaging Palestinian unity.

A PFLP spokesman in Damascus said the statement did not mean the two groups supported the month-old rebellion by a group of officers of Fateh, the biggest guerrilla group within the PLO and also headed by Mr. Arafat.

"Democratic reforms and self-criticism are essential. But we are opposed to any dissension or

splits," he said.

It was difficult to tell how much support the dissident Fateh officers had gained. But there was no sign that the rank and file of Palestinian fighters in Lebanon opposed Mr. Arafat.

Friday's Wafa dispatch said the PLO leader met Fateh military commanders in Tripoli, north Lebanon, Thursday night. He also had talks with representatives of Palestinian refugees at camps in the area, Wafa added.

The refugee representatives said they supported Mr. Arafat against "interference or tutelage"—apparently a reference to the dissident movement which Mr. Arafat has said is Libyan-backed.

## 'PLO, Israel offered arms to Brigades'

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to investigate the Red Brigades' 1978 killing of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro and the entire history of the organisation that terrorised Italy for a decade.

"In conclusion, the committee considers it credible that the Israeli secret services sought to establish a link with the Red Brigades in 1974," the report says.

This view, it says, is based on the fact that "almost all the Red Brigades' leaders were aware of an

attempt by the Israeli secret services to make contact with the organisation through an offer of arms and money."

The report is based on extensive questioning of imprisoned members of the Red Brigades and the allied Prima Linea group, police, political figures, the secret services, and others.

The report suggests the Israeli offer was made because it was felt that instability in Italy, a key U.S. ally in the Mediterranean basin, would prompt Washington to

commit itself more heavily to Israel.

Israel also believed the Red Brigades' activity was detrimental to the Communist Party's chances of participating in government, a development which might have led to the adoption of a pro-Arab line, it says.

The offer of contact with the Israelis was made through a lawyer in Milan, but it was rejected because of fear among the Red Brigades of being manipulated by foreign secret services.

## Lebanese ski resort active despite strife

By Alan Philips  
Reuter

FARAYA, Lebanon — Snow, sun and high mountains are in plentiful supply at the Lebanese ski resort of Faraya, but you will not find it advertised in any winter sports brochures.

One reason is that the resort, clinging to the 2,628-metre Mount Sannine, lies on the front line between Lebanese rightist militiamen and their foes, the Syrian troops who control the east of the country.

Situated about 45 km from Beirut, Faraya can claim to be one of the stranger resorts on the winter circuit.

Despite the typically Lebanese arrangement which keeps the resort working, one nervy skier remarked: "I always feel someone is training a gun on me as I ride up the chair lift."

Lebanese have been skiing at Faraya for some 20 years, and the privately run resort has remained open every winter despite the relentless strife in Lebanon since the 1975-76 civil war.

Local café owner Yacoub Bteiche said last year's Israeli invasion and Lebanon's continuing turmoil had not dampened the sporting appetites of the chic set, who ski and swim regardless.

Although the skiing is limited and the slopes crowded, Faraya

remains a weekend magnet for fashion-conscious Lebanese.

In spring, the energetic ones can ski in the morning and dash a mere 40 km down the mountain side to swim in the Mediterranean.

The mountain ridge at Faraya is held by Syrian troops, who entered Lebanon as a peace force and later fell to fighting the Christian rightists, who still control the resort.

Local residents say the two sides exchange occasional shellfire in summer, but in winter the Syrians leave the exposed mountain tops for the Bekaa valley to the east.

Water and electricity supplies here are scant, but new chalets are still being built in what local peo-

ple see as a sign of confidence that things must get better in Lebanon.

Because Faraya has been hit by freak spring snow storms which have all but buried the lifts and ski stations, the only guests at the best hotel, the four-star Faraya Mzaar, are members of the Falange-dominated "Lebanese forces" militia.

Young men stomp around in ski boots wearing the all-white uniform of the militia's small ski corps.

The crowds have been kept away by the storms which residents say brought more than four metres of snow last month.

"This winter has been the worst ever for us," says Mr. Bteiche,

whose family owns a large part of the catering, hotel and ski-hire trade in the town of 5,000 people.

"For the past six weeks no one has been able to ski properly here. The roads are still not open all the way to the ski station ... it's anarchy."

"We have militias and the Lebanese army, but no police to direct the traffic and not enough snow ploughs," he says.

Troops serving with the U.S.-French-Italian-British multinational peace force in Beirut have added a welcome source of revenue for the beleaguered traders and their jeeps are well equipped for battling along the snowy roads.

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"Recycling" an ecological exhibition, at the Goethe Institute.

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### MUSEUMS

Feldman Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 57160.  
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabel Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.  
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabel Leventeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m.

1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.

Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

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## SPORTS

### Noah outclasses compatriot to reach final of French Tennis Open

PARIS (R) — Local hero Yannick Noah outclassed compatriot Christophe Roger-Vasselin to become the first home player to reach the men's singles final of the French Open Tennis Championships in eleven years Friday.

Noah, the number six seed, won 6-3, 6-4, 6-0 with contemptuous ease, turning on a brilliant display of aggressive, power tennis which had the little-known Roger-Vasselin struggling to win a point.

The two men are good friends off court and Noah leapt the net at the end to throw an encouraging arm around his opponent.

"This tournament has been a dream for both of us, it's a shame our dreams had to clash," said Noah, who reeled off the last 14 games.

His opponent in the final will be defending champion Mats Wilander of Sweden, the number five seed who defeated eighth seed Jose Higuera on Friday.

Noah added: "The final will be very different. It will be for the title, and Wilander is a baseliner, whereas Roger-Vasselin varies his game enormously."

Noah's superb athleticism was a feature of the match as he chased

down angled shots from his unseeded opponent and leapt high to put away poorly-directed lobs.

In the third set he dashed off three love games before Roger-Vasselin, to the embarrassed relief of the capacity crowd, achieved the relative triumph of taking Noah to deuce.

Cameroun-born Noah, through to the final of a grand slam tournament for the first time, can count on tremendous support in Sunday's final. The last Frenchman to reach the Paris final was in 1972 when Patrick Proisy lost to Spain's Andres Gimeno. The last French champion was Marcel Bernard in 1946.

Roger-Vasselin, who knocked out top-seed Jimmy Connors of the United States in straight sets in the quarter-finals, said that he had started Friday's match mentally fatigued.

"I didn't come into the match in the same frame of mind as against Connors. I was very fatigued mentally, and Yannick never let me get into the match," he said.

Noah agreed, adding: "It was difficult to play against someone you look upon as a brother. It was hard at first to work up the necessary aggression. I think Christophe lost the match today by winning his match against Connors two days ago. For the last two days he has been solicited by journalists and other people. He's a nice guy and didn't know how to say no."

Roger-Vasselin made a good start, breaking Noah's service in the opening game. But as Noah settled into the match it rapidly turned into a nightmare for his 25-year-old opponent who has an English mother and a French father.

He struggled with his own service, and his returns of Noah's powerful first serve were constantly overhit.

As Noah moved into top gear, it became little more than a workout for the French number one who needed just 48 minutes to storm through the second and third sets.

### IOC president firm on dope tests

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (R) — International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain stressed Thursday that the disputed drugs caffeine and testosterone would be included in doping controls at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

He told a news conference on the final day of the executive board meeting in Lausanne: "We have a list of banned drugs which will be tested at the Sarajevo winter Olympics, among them are caffeine and testosterone. All the drugs on our list will be tested at the Los Angeles summer Olympics."

On Wednesday, the organisers of the Los Angeles games said they were opposed to dope tests for caffeine, which is common to many beverages, and testosterone, a male hormone naturally present in the bodies of men and women.

But they said they would study the results of tests for the two drugs to be conducted at the World Athletic Championships in Helsinki in August and the Mediterranean Games in Casablanca in September.

But Samaranch said Thursday: "The final responsibility for

dope-testing rests with the IOC medical commission not with National Olympic Committees."

Samaranch said he felt the results in Helsinki and Casablanca would be reliable and that the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee (LAOOC) would comply.

LAOOC President Peter Ueberroth told a news conference Wednesday the committee had received the results of the caffeine and testosterone tests made at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane last year and had found them 'totally unsatisfactory'.

Asked what steps the IOC would take if the LAOOC refused, Samaranch said: "It can't happen. The LAOOC is bound to adhere to the Olympic Charter."

Referring to the various international sports federations participating in the Olympics, Samaranch said 27 had reached agreement with the IOC on the eligibility rules. The only exception was the International Football Federation (FIFA), he added.

FIFA insists that certain precisely-defined categories of professionals should be allowed to play in the Olympic finals, as they are doing in the qualifying rounds

already taking place, but the IOC does not agree.

Samaranch told Reuters he would be meeting FIFA's Brazilian President Joao Havelange in Mexico during the first 1986 World Cup Organising Committee from June 17-19.

While the present impasse will be on the agenda, Samaranch made his feelings clear when he said: "It's up to FIFA now. There is no place in the Olympic movement for true professionals."

Asked what he considered the most pressing problem facing the IOC in the future the president responded without hesitation: "The world political situation. Everything that happens in the world interests and affects us. If there is peace in the world we will have a very happy Olympic Games."

The president also said the Solomon Islands had been accepted as the 152nd member of the IOC's community.

### Roehrl wins Acropolis Rally

ATHENS (R) — Walter Roehrl of West Germany won the Acropolis Motor Rally for the third time here Thursday and became the new leader of the World Rally Championship.

Roehrl and his co-driver Christian Geistdorfer, brought their Lancia rally to the end of the four day, 2,200 kms event in Potos nearly six minutes ahead of Finland's Markku Alen.

Sweden's Stig Blomqvist was third, 14 minutes behind Roehrl, despite winning 19 of the event's 45 special stages. But he was delayed by a minor fire and steering trouble.

Blomqvist's Audi team-mate, Hannu Mikkola of Finland, led by nearly three minutes when the cars left Athens Wednesday for the final section of the rally.

But Roehrl slowly cut into the lead as drivers tackled the rough and dusty course. Mikkola fought back but seven stages from the finish, the Quattro's engine failed.

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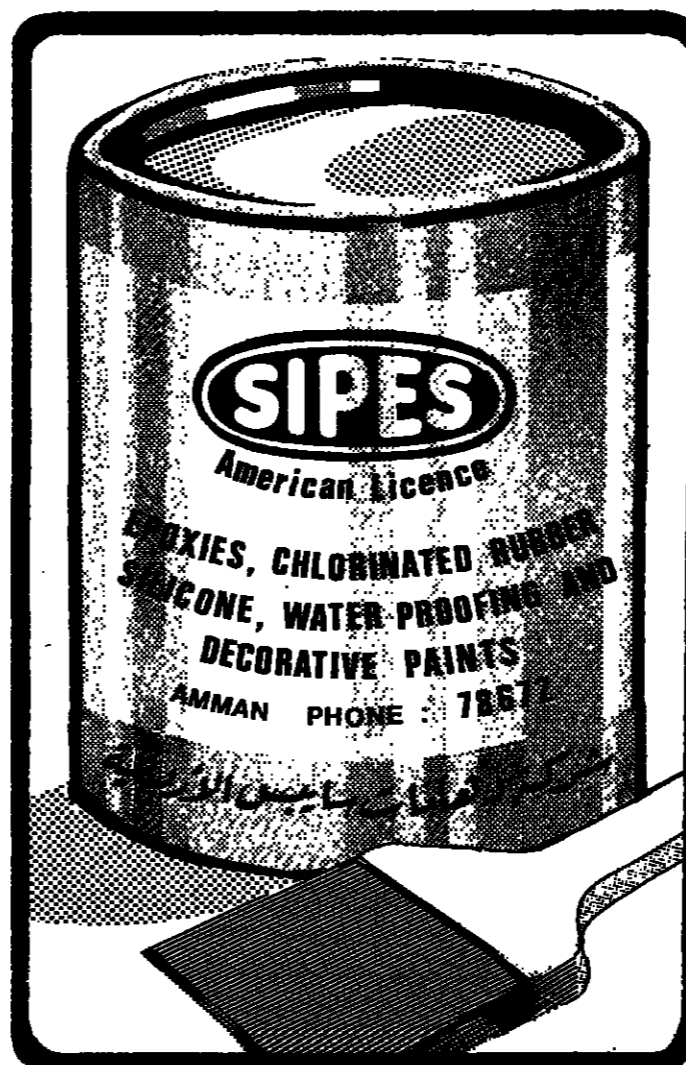
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# Fed considers tightening credit

WASHINGTON (R) — America's powerful central bank, the Federal Reserve Board, anxious to keep a nascent U.S. economic recovery going without rekindling inflation, is debating the need for tighter credit, central bank sources say.

They say recent rises in the U.S. money supply have shifted the focus of discussions, which were previously concerned with the need to ease credit conditions and boost recovery, to whether the economy can withstand higher interest rates caused by a more restrictive credit policy.

"There is no unanimous view at the Fed (Federal Reserve Board) on what should be looked at. In fact, they are pretty evenly divided. But the environment has turned from talk of a cut in the discount rate to discussions about raising it," one central bank source told Reuters Thursday.

The discount rate, which has been at 8.5 per cent since last December, is the rate banks pay to borrow money from the Fed.

According to the Fed sources

one group feels recent distortions in some money supply figures have meant they are virtually useless for gauging what is going on in the economy.

But they say another faction believes that despite the distortions, the figures are indicating strongly that the economy is overheating and something needs to be done to ensure that inflationary pressures do not re-emerge.

It is generally accepted by economists that higher interest rates would hamper recovery in both the U.S. and world economy by choking off much-needed fresh funds to industry.

At the beginning of the year, the Fed set a four to eight per cent 1983 growth rate for its most narrow measure of the money supply, known as M-1, which measures current bank account levels and the number of bank notes in circulation.

But since January, M-1 has been growing at an annual rate of almost 13 per cent, prompting cries from some senior Reagan administration officials that the

Fed needs to take action.

Earlier this week, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan told reporters at the Williamsburg summit that the Fed might have to tighten credit soon.

Administration sources said Mr. Regan's remarks generally reflect the views of Fed Chairman Paul Volcker, conveyed to the treasury secretary before the summit, and are not an independent call for tightening from the White House.

Officially the Fed has been ignoring the run-up in M-1, saying the spurt has resulted from various new accounts being included in its calculation, and has started monitoring other broader measures of

money supply.

But U.S. financial markets, trained for years to keep close watch on M-1, have stayed sensitive to its movements and recent surges have been quickly translated into rises in market interest rates.

Speculation over higher U.S. interest rates helped sustain the strength of the dollar on European foreign exchanges Friday. It opened steady in Frankfurt at 2.5478 marks, well above Thursday's New York close of 2.5410.

Dealers said they expected the latest M-1 figures to show only a slight fall but not by enough to dispel speculation over a tightening of U.S. credit.

## Suez Canal earnings to increase

CAIRO (R) — Earnings of the Suez Canal would reach more than \$1.1 billion by the end of 1983, an increase of \$210 million over 1982, the authority of the international waterway said in a statement.

The waterway earned \$940 million in 1982, according to the statement.

Suez Canal earnings are among Egypt's four main sources of foreign exchange. The other three are oil exports, tourism and remittances of Egyptians working abroad.

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices drifted to close mainly lower after a day of very quiet trading, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was down 2.7 at 696.0.

The U.K. election on June 9 and lower sterling combined with weekend influences to deter investor involvement and price movements were few, dealers said. Beecham fell 10p to 370 after its further reaction to Thursday's results, while other leaders were mixed with an easier bias.

Government bonds fell by around 1/4 point, North Americans were mixed, but golds were firmer, although below early highs.

Oils were mainly firmer, with B.P. and Shell up 4p and 10p respectively, but Burmah was down 6p at 159 following its annual meeting. Banks fell by as much as 7p. In chemicals, Laporte fell 12p to 256 on a £20 million rights issue, while ICI was down 2p.

Recent bid favourite Bowater was again active, ending 2p lower at 214 after 210, while P and O fell 4p to 198. Mixed electricals saw Plessey and Racal add 10p and 5p respectively.

Government bonds ended slightly lower but were underpinned by buyers at the lows. The new 10 1/4 per cent convertible tap stock 1987 ended at 20 1/2 part paid after opening at £20. The government broker supplied a small amount of stock at 20 1/2.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One sterling	1.5645/55	U.S. dollars	
One U.S. dollar	1.2296/99	Canadian dollars	
	2.5435/45	West German marks	
	2.8540/50	Dutch guilders	
	2.1035/45	Swiss francs	
	50.74/78	Belgian francs	
	7.6380/6410	French francs	
	1507.50/1508.50	Italian lire	
	238.60/75	Japanese yen	
	7.5900/50	Swedish crowns	
	7.2050/2100	Norwegian crowns	
	9.0900/50	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	413.25/414.00	U.S. dollars	

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Less aliens work in Switzerland

BERNE (R) — The number of foreign workers in Switzerland fell by more than 12,000 during the year ending last month mainly because of the recession, the justice ministry said Thursday. The current total of almost 700,000 accounts for about one fifth of the country's workforce. Unemployment in Switzerland is still less than one per cent, but the ministry's figures showed that fewer jobs were being offered to seasonal workers from abroad and foreigners who cross the frontier each day to work in Switzerland. The number of work permits in the one-year category was also cut by 25 per cent during the year.

### IDA approves credit for S. Yemen

WASHINGTON (R) — The World Bank said Thursday its affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA), has approved a \$7.6 million credit for a health service project in the People's Democratic Republic of (South) Yemen. The bank said in a statement the \$10.4 million project would also receive a total of \$1 million from the World Health Organisation and United Nations Children's Fund.

### Saudi oil reserves to last 68 years

KUWAIT (R) — The known oil reserves of Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, will last 68 years at current production levels, a report by the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said Thursday. The monthly report for June said known reserves in Kuwait would last 221 years, Iraq 114 years, United Arab Emirates 72 years, Libya 58 years, Algeria 38 years, Qatar 28 years, Egypt 14 years, Oman 23 years, Bahrain 12 years and Tunisia 49 years.

### Major N. Sea oil find announced

LONDON (R) — The U.S.-owned Marathon Oil Company Thursday announced a major new \$2.7 billion oil and gas development in the British sector of the North Sea. The company said the new well would come on stream in 1988 and would reach peak production of around 75,000 barrels a day. The well will pump so-called gas concentrates — extremely high grade light oil — by a system of gas reinjection, the first of its type in the North Sea, according to London oil analysts. Marathon estimated recoverable reserves at about 200 million barrels of condensate and more than 600 billion cubic feet of gas.

### Islamic bank gives loan to Rabat

JEDDAH (R) — The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank said Thursday it had granted Morocco a \$20 million interest-free loan for crude oil imports. The bank granted Morocco a \$22 million loan for the same purpose earlier this year, it said in a statement.

### EEC, Cyprus conclude trade pact

BRUSSELS (R) — The European Commission said Thursday that it had concluded a new trade pact with Cyprus, ending two years of disagreement over Cypriot exports of farm products to the 10-nation European community. A spokesman for the commission said the agreement, which covers 1983, would allow Cyprus privileged access to community markets for its key exports of grapes, carrots, aubergines and other produce.

### Bolivia faces severe food shortage

LA PAZ (R) — Bolivia will be able to produce less than half its food needs this year following a drought in the highlands and floods in the lowlands, an official report said Thursday. The report issued by the ministry of rural affairs, said agricultural production would hardly go beyond one million tonnes, while demand would reach 2.2 million tonnes. Rice, barley, maize, wheat, sorghum, potatoes would be among commodities in short supply. The critical food situation has driven hundreds of peasants off the land to cities, and diplomatic sources said continuing drought could cause serious social troubles.

## FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1983

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The morning finds it possible for you to make plans that could give you added abundance in the days ahead. A day and evening to do something thoughtful for loved one.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Finish home chores early in the day and then put your finest talents to work elsewhere. Spend your money wisely.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Concentrate on how you can make improvements to your environment. Be more willing to cooperate with others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Fine day to enjoy yourself at recreations you enjoy. Take no risks with your health at this time.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Morning is ideal for pursuing personal goals and gaining them. Arrange social affairs for the future.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make detailed plans to gain your finest aims and then carry through in a positive fashion. Avoid one who gossips.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Establish a better system for handling routine chores. Become more aware of the needs of family members.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study your surroundings and make plans for improvement. Handle your duties more efficiently than in the past.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study every angle of a new project that interests you before you enter into it. Strive for increased happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Give support to friends who need your assistance at this time. Plan to spend more time with the one you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Take advantage of a situation in which you benefit in the future. Take health treatments to improve your appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get busy at routine chores early in the day so you'll have more time for social activities later. Express happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Ideal day to engage in recreational activities with friends. You can easily make this a most worthwhile day.

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## Further U.S.-Soviet grain talks set for June 20 in Moscow

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States says further talks with the Soviet Union on a new long-term grain deal have been tentatively set for June 20 in Moscow.

The word came on the heels of a two-day session in London to explore prospects of a new pact after a slump in U.S. grain deliveries following its embargo over Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

President Reagan, under pressure from farmers, is anxious to win back a major share of the \$4 billion Soviet market for imported wheat and maize.

A spokesman for Agriculture Secretary John Block told reporters in Washington that the London meetings had been "friendly, constructive and courteous."

But both delegations withheld comment on the substance of the talks.

The current U.S.-Soviet grain pact took effect in 1976 and expires in September.

It has allowed Moscow's buyers to take more than 70 million tonnes of U.S. grain, valued at \$9.5 billion.

U.S. officials, eager to boost grain sales to the lucrative Soviet market, would like to see a new agreement providing for sharply higher minimum and maximum purchase levels.

USSR may not sign for higher quantities

But Western agricultural experts in Moscow said the Soviet Union might be reluctant to sign an agreement for higher quantities as the Kremlin had diversified its supply sources since the 1980 U.S. embargo.

President Reagan ended the embargo soon after taking office. Since it was imposed, the U.S. share of the Soviet Union's grain market has fallen from more than 70 per cent to 20 per cent.

In London, sources close to the grain talks reported reasonable progress in negotiating a pact, but said further meetings would cover the matter on a more formal basis.

The agriculture department spokesman said he assumed the same eight-member delegation led by deputy trade representative Mr. Robert Lightizer would take part in the Moscow talks.

Mr. Boris Gordeev, deputy foreign trade minister, headed Moscow's negotiating team at the London session.

**THE BETTER HALF** By Harris

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

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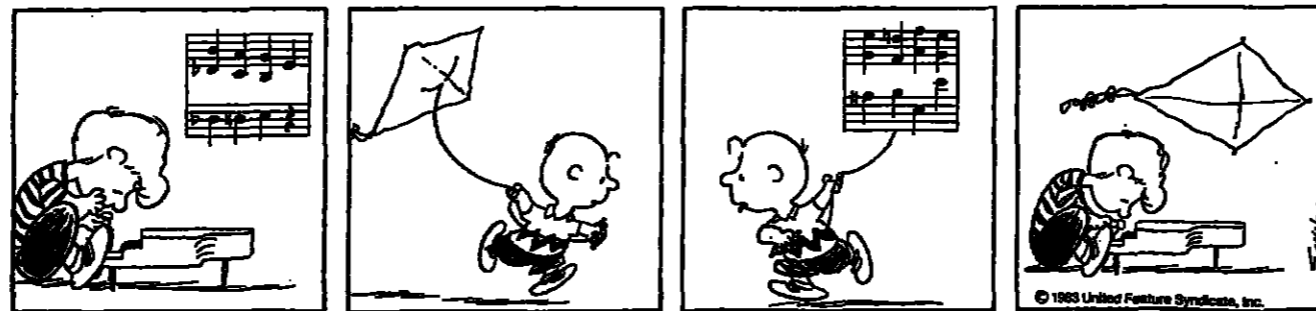
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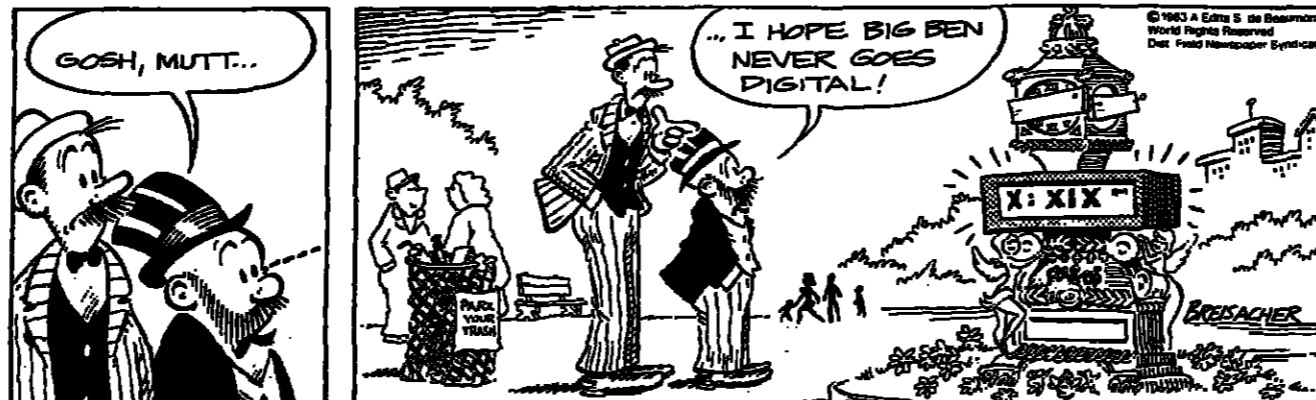
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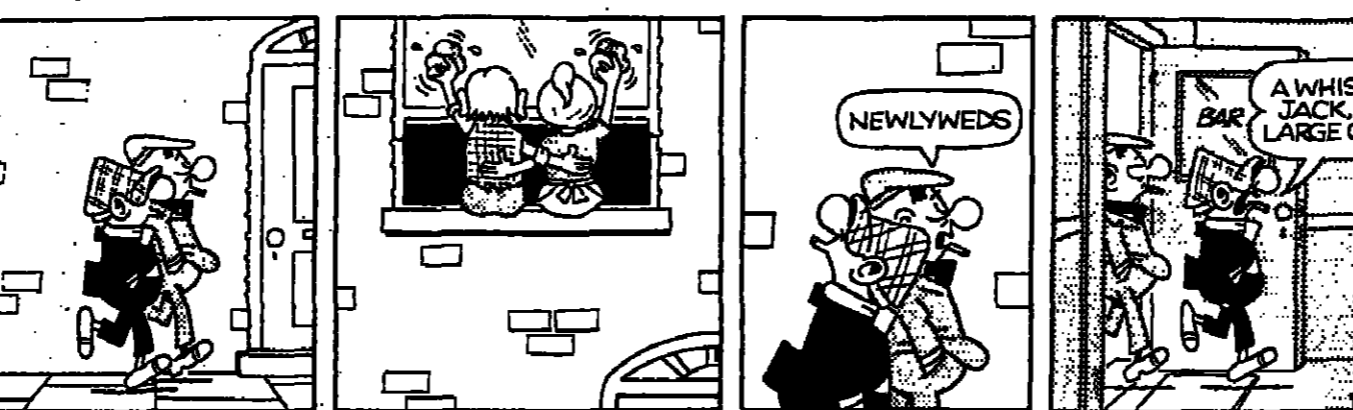
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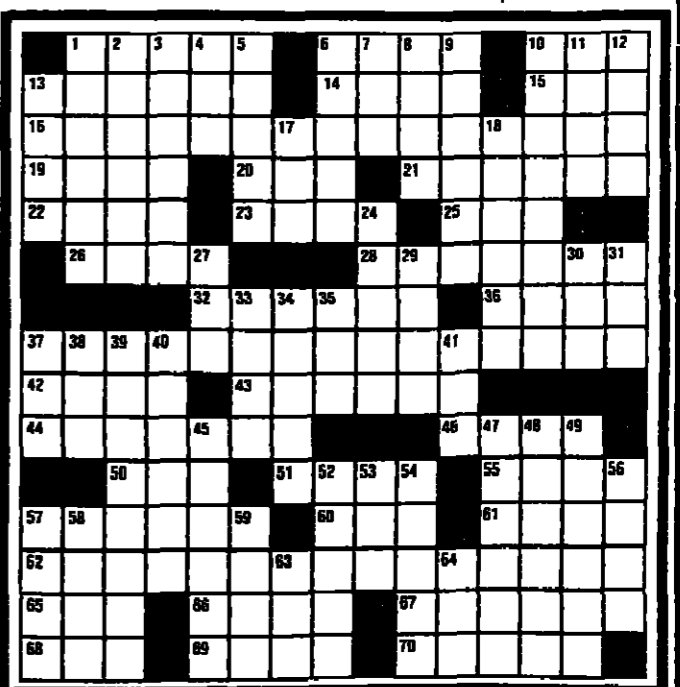
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# WORLD

## Labour aides deny being actress' lover

LONDON (R) — Former British cabinet ministers were Friday denying, wistfully rather than furiously, that any of them had been the secret lover of actress Shirley MacLaine.

One week before Britain goes to the polls, Miss MacLaine joined unemployment, disarmament and the Falklands War as front page issues with her coy disclosures in a new autobiography.

Fleet Street newspapers were combing Parliament for the mystery man, married and seemingly a minister in the last Labour government, with whom MacLaine said she had a torrid affair that took them from beds in Paris to bubble baths in Honolulu.

Labour Party leader Michael Foot, who shares the same birthday, July 23, as the mystery lover named only as "Gerry", emphatically denied it. Mr. Foot will be 70 next month.

Deputy leader Denis Healey, who fits MacLaine's fond memories of "a big man... a bear who wanted to hug the world", told reporters: "Alas, I am not the hero of this drama."

## British Labour repentant over Falklands charge

LONDON (R) — Britain's Labour opposition, repentant over a sharply-criticised remark on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's attitude in the Falklands War, tried Friday to shift the general election spotlight to other issues.

But the prime minister, campaigning for a strong new mandate in next Thursday's poll, had to face close questioning about the sinking of the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano in the first major engagement of the war last year.

At her Conservative Party's daily news conference, she brushed aside an Argentine statement that the cruiser was steaming away from the zone when it was torpedoed by a British submarine with the loss of 321 lives.

She refused to reveal British Navy records to clear up the point, saying:

"The enemy has not agreed to a permanent cessation of hostilities. It would be very helpful to an enemy to publish absolutely every intelligence at a time when that

enemy is still in hostilities with us."

The prime minister was also required to defend her government's support for a multi-million dollar international loan to Argentina.

If Argentina defaulted on its past commitments, more money would be released for the purchase of arms, she said.

At Labour's news conference, deputy party leader Denis Healey was in an uncharacteristically subdued mood after the storm raised by his allegation that Mrs. Thatcher gloried in slaughter during the Falklands War.

Thursday's night Mr. Healey expressed regret for using the word slaughter and added that the term should have been confined.

The party sought to steer the election debate away from the jibe and on to unemployment, taxes and housing. After the government released figures saying unemployment had dropped last month by 121,000, to 3,049,000, the party declared that the statistics were an attempt to hoax the

electorate.

Mr. Healey, a master of brief and bruising insults who had been pushed to the forefront of the Labour campaign, confessed he did not know whether his attack on Mrs. Thatcher had done his party good or harm. It would only become clear in opinion polls, he said.

But most of Britain's predominantly conservative newspapers blasted him for the attack and for injecting the previously dormant Falklands issue into the campaign. The papers called him a beast, repugnant, nasty, hypocritical and stupid.

Mr. Healey admitted that with the conservatives leading Labour by a margin of between 11 and 19 percentage points in the polls, there was a big gap to bridge in the last six days of the campaign.

Four polls published overnight showed the Liberal-Social Democratic alliance gaining in the ratings at the expense of the two major parties but still in third place.

## 23 die in Air Canada DC-9 fire

CINCINNATI, Ohio (R) — Twenty-three people died when an Air Canada DC-9 caught fire and was forced to land Thursday night at Cincinnati's international airport, police said.

Survivors told of the horror of the mid-air blaze as passengers scrambled to the front of the plane to avoid the smoke and people died around them... "it was unbearable... we couldn't see anything."

The airliner, carrying 41 passengers and a crew of five, was flying from Dallas to Toronto and Montreal when the fire broke out, apparently in the tail section.

Survivors said passengers were ordered to the front of the aircraft when smoke was seen pouring from a rear toilet.

One man who escaped, Montreal businessman Raymond Chailoux, said he thought the dead

were suffocated by the smoke. A temporary mortuary was set up at the airport about 200 yards from the burned-out plane.

An airport official said 18 survivors were taken to hospital.

Two other survivors, Brenda Mayne, 38, and Audrie Rutan, 39, both from Midland, Ontario, said a woman passenger first alerted the crew that black smoke had filled the toilet.

A stewardess opened the toilet door and saw that the fire was "really going and that there was an enormous amount of black smoke."

The plane was still on fire as it landed and the airport's traffic manager said it burned for an hour.

An airport spokesman said the plane's pilot first contacted the airport at Indianapolis, Indiana, to say he had a fire on board. He radioed Cincinnati airport just 13

minutes before landing. The pilot had radioed "Mayday", the international distress signal, three times.

"The pilot was very, very good. He made a very good landing there was no panic at all," said survivor Chailoux. "We didn't use oxygen because the pilot said oxygen would have fed the fire," he said.

He said the passengers crowded together at the front of the plane. "It was an unbearable type of thing. You used anything you could find to breathe through, if you could find anything. I used a handkerchief."

Chailoux said he climbed out of an exit over the wing after the landing and stayed there for several minutes to help other passengers, despite the crew's warning to move away as quickly as possible.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### U.N. chief forbids public statements

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar has ordered members of a U.N. mission that recently visited Iran and Iraq to survey civilian war damage to make no public statements while they prepare their report. A U.N. official said speculative accounts about the results of the mission had no basis and could not have emanated from mission members, because of Mr. Perez de Cuellar's strict directive.

### Reveller survives drinking spree

STOCKPORT, England (R) — Peter Woodend has amazed doctors by surviving the biggest drinking spree recorded by police in northern England. He was found naked and unconscious outside a Stockport hospital with an alcohol count equivalent to 67 whiskies or more than 33 pints of beer. Woodend, 40, had consumed enough to put him nearly 13 times over the legal limit for drivers. The doctors said half that amount would kill most people. No one has yet been able to get an explanation from Woodend on how it all happened. A policeman who saw him in the hospital said: "He has now come out of his alcoholic coma and has progressed to being dead drunk."

### 55 die in U.K. police custody

LONDON (R) — Fifty-five people died last year in police custody in England and Wales, according to figures published by the Home Office (interior ministry). The total included eight suicides and 30 deaths through misadventure or accidental causes. In 1981 the figure was 49. A spokesman for Inquest, a private watchdog group, said the 1982 figures were unacceptably high and part of a rising trend over the past decade.

### Severed arm successfully stitched

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet surgeons have successfully stitched an arm back on a seven-year-old girl after it was ripped off by a bear at a summer camp, the daily Sovetskaya Rossiya (Soviet Russia) said Friday.

### Over 100,000 Ugandans uprooted

NAIROBI (R) — More than 100,000 Ugandan villagers have fled into the bush because of a four-month old army campaign to wipe out anti-government guerrillas, travellers returning from Kampala said Friday. The travellers, quoting foreign residents and aid workers, said at least 100,000 people, possibly even double that figure, fled their homes because of the fighting and are living in harsh conditions in bush areas north of the capital.

### Manila to protect gold prospectors

MANILA (R) — Extra troops and police have been sent to a southern Philippines gold producing area to protect hundreds of prospectors who say they are being harassed by rebels and renegade soldiers, military officials said. They said anti-government rebels and renegade soldiers, known locally as the "lost command", fought a pitched battle on Sunday in the Nabunturan area of Mindanao Island — apparently over gold dust and nuggets extorted from prospectors as protection money.

### Albania alarmed by press reports

VIENNA (R) — Albania accused Yugoslavia Friday of inviting U.S. troops into the country under the pretext of taking a holiday, and predicted that Soviet troops would soon follow them. The official ATA news agency, quoting the Financial Times of London and Le Monde of Paris, said 500,000 American troops and their families in Western Europe had been offered cheap holidays in Yugoslavia by the West. But ATA said it seemed highly unlikely that so many U.S. soldiers would go to Yugoslavia just for pleasure.

## South Korean students support fasting politician

SEOUL (R) — Police detained about 20 people Friday after nearly 1,000 Seoul university students staged an anti-government demonstration in support of fasting former opposition leader Kim Young-Sam, eyewitnesses said.

Mr. Kim, 55, a former presidential contender and head of the banned main opposition New Democratic Party (NDP), has defied pleas from doctors and supporters to end his 17-day-old hunger strike to press for a return to democracy in South Korea.

Hundreds of riot police firing tear gas and wielding batons stormed the campus of the Presbyterian Yonsei University to break up the two-hour protest by students who chanted "Save Kim Young-Sam's life".

The students also demanded the

resignation of President Chun Doo Hwan, a former army strongman, the witnesses said.

Mr. Kim's aides quoted doctors at the Seoul National University Hospital, where he is refusing medication, as saying he was approaching a stage where he could suffer permanent damage.

Three doctors spent two and a half hours Friday morning trying to persuade Mr. Kim, who has been taking only water and salt, to accept medication at least.

Police Friday prevented a 13-member committee, formed to try to persuade Mr. Kim to end his fast, from holding a meeting at the hospital. They put 10 members under house arrest but allowed three to stay at the hospital under police surveillance, according to the aides.

## 2 police deaths kick up political storm in France

PARIS (R) — The murder of two Paris policemen this week, coinciding with the socialist government's repeal of a tough security law, has stirred up a new political storm over law and order in France.

Justice Minister Robert Badinter Thursday rejected charges that the government had been soft on criminals since coming to power two years ago and accused the opposition of exploiting the deaths of the policemen for political ends.

"I will not accept political exploitation or allow any advantage to be taken of these deaths," he said in a television interview.

Some police unions and centre-right opposition spokesmen attacked the government's record on law and order after two policemen on an anti-burglary patrol were shot dead in Paris on Tuesday. One other policeman was injured and the gunman escaped.

Early Thursday another policeman was shot and seriously injured. A suspect has been arrested.

President Francois Mitterrand tried to cool the debate by saying after Wednesday's cabinet meeting that everything possible would be done to hunt the killers and punish them severely.

Bernard Pons, general secretary of the Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR) Party, condemned "the feebleness and demagoguery of the government in the face of growing crime and delinquency."

Newspapers said it was ironic that the killings occurred on the same day that the government repealed a controversial security law, which was enacted by the centre-right parties four months before they lost the 1981 elections.

One of the most criticised provisions of the law allowed for random identity checks by police. The ruling alliance of socialists and communists voted this week to keep the identity checks but give more rights to those being inspected.

The new law will also allow the reduction of some sentences, introduce more alternatives to prison, and cut to two days from three the time most suspects can be held without being charged.

Badinter, a radical lawyer who has abolished the death penalty and led a sweeping reform of the court system, said accusations of softness towards criminals were lies.

Badinter says the prisons are fuller than ever and denies that his government's policies have led to an increase in crime.

But he believes that the justice system is seriously overburdened, with overworked judges, overcrowded prisons, and cash shortages despite budget increases since the socialists came to power. "We are at breaking point," he said Thursday.

## Salvadorean rebels hold vital army installation as Reagan's envoy arrives

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Leftist guerrillas said they killed 33 Salvadoran soldiers in an ambush of reinforcements sent to recapture a military communications post.

The rebels' Radio Venceremos said Thursday guerrillas hit three army trucks carrying infantry troops in a mine attack on the road between Chapeltique and Ciudad Barrios in San Miguel province.

The broadcast said 33 soldiers were killed and 27 wounded. The guerrillas said on Tuesday they had captured the army communications centre on the 1,500-metre Cacaguatique volcano. The centre relayed information to ground troops over

most of eastern El Salvador. The army confirmed Thursday that the centre had fallen. The Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN) broadcast said 49 soldiers were taken prisoner at the centre.

Military spokesman said two army helicopters and a fighter plane strafed and bombed rebel positions east of the capital Thursday. No casualty figures were given.

### Reagan's man arrives

SAN SALVADOR (R) — President Reagan's special envoy to

Central America arrived in El Salvador Thursday on the first leg of a 12-day tour of the turbulent region.

The envoy, former Florida Sen. Richard Stone, began his trip to all seven Central American states and three Latin American capitals as the Reagan administration announced the replacement of two senior officials handling Latin American affairs.

Reports of the changes had prompted speculation that Mr. Reagan was taking a tougher line against leftists in Central America. But U.S. officials said the reshuffle did not signal a change in Washington policy.

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## GOREN BRIDGE

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### ANSWERS TO BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠AKJ ♠AJ987 ♠6 ♣K1092  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?  
A.—There is a temptation among many bridge players to support partner immediately, because of the quality of their cards in his suit. Resist it! Your hand is too strong for a single raise and inadequate for a jump, which normally requires four trumps. The solution is a temporizing bid of two clubs—naturally, you intend supporting spades at your next turn, if you have one.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠QJ108763 ♠Q92 ♣J76  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South  
1 ♠ Dble ?

What action do you take?  
A.—You have a hand with excellent offensive potential but with little or no defense. This is the perfect opportunity to attempt to stop the opponents from getting together. Jump to three spades—exactly the same bid you would have made as an opening bid but, in view of East's interference, it guarantees a reasonable suit.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠J5 ♠95 ♠AQ10952 ♣973  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
Pass 1 NT Dble ?

What action do you take?  
A.—If you timidly removed to two diamonds, you simply don't grasp the playing potential of your hand. However, a redouble would be too optimistic—the opponents will surely run and partner will expect you to hold more in defensive values than you do. The choice lies between a pass, in the hope that you can pick up a doubled overtrick or two, and a

jump to three diamonds to advise partner of your long, strong suit—that might enable him to bid three no trump and so gets our vote.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠AK875 ♠954 ♠10952  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?  
A.—Partner is telling you that he has six good diamonds and only four clubs. With his distribution and your controls, you might have a slam, but we would like an honor card in one of the minor suits before we make a try. Be content with a raise to five diamonds.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠9873 ♠K8 ♠52 ♣AKQ98  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?  
A.—You are in a slam territory, with no really good way to investigate. If you had an outside ace, you could cue-bid it, but alas... We suggest you jump to five spades—a bid over game tells partner that you have general values and slam interest, with no good bid to make.

Q.6—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠Q10952 ♠QJ92 ♣J865  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?  
A.—Even though your partner could do no more than overall, your hands should fit well. Jump to four spades. Besides the fact that you might make it, you are disrupting enemy communications.